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(54) **Liquid composition laser marking article and marking process**

(57) This invention relates to a liquid composition comprising an energy beam-curable resin, a leuco dye and a developer and has a viscosity of not more than 20 cps as measured by an E type viscometer at 60°C, a laser marking article having a cured film of the liquid composition, a process for producing a laser marking article, characterized by coating the liquid composition on the surface of an article by a spray coating method and then irradiating the coated article with an energy beam except laser, and a laser marking process characterized by irradiating the cured film layer formed on an article with a laser beam. According to this invention, there is obtained an energy beam-curable, liquid composition for laser marking suitable for spray coating and gravure printing without using a solvent or dispersing agent, and the cured film of this liquid composition has little discoloration of the ground, a good adhesiveness to substrate, and when it is irradiated with a laser beam, the portion irradiated develops a vivid black color which is excellent in fastness.

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